

Reforming The Use Of Unsolicited Correspondence Generated On Taxpayer Funded Material Or Equipment By Ulster County Elected Or Appointed Officials For A Period Of 60-Days Prior To A County Primary Or General Election

The Government Efficiency and Reform Committee (Chairman Noonan and Legislators Busick, Harris, Maloney, Lomita, Robert Parete and Shapiro) and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Dart, Donaldson, Feldmann, Hyatt, Kraft, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Stoeckeler and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes political campaigns should not be funded by the residents of Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, reforming the current system is essential to maintaining and restoring public confidence in the overall electoral process, and

WHEREAS, reforming the current system would reduce the appearance of campaign improprieties, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature realize the need for campaign reform; this policy shall include all 33 County Legislators, County Clerk and County-wide Judges, District Attorney, Treasurer and Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature made a landmark decision when they opened their political caucuses in 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Government Efficiency and Reform Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature orders a 60-day moratorium on the distribution of unsolicited correspondence, which is generated on County-owned or leased property on taxpayer funded resources, on behalf of elected or appointed County officials prior to a primary and/or general election, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Ethics Board shall be charged with reviewing the charge if an elected official is believed to knowingly violate this policy, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, this policy shall take effect immediately,
and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 33 NOES: 0

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE